

Amendments to the Specification

Kindly insert the following before line 18 of page 2:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows a three substance system MgO-Al₂O₃-SiO₂.

Figure 2 shows a Crucible A that consists of a material according to the invention.

Figure 3 shows a Crucible B that consists of conventional corundum-mullite quality.

Figure 4 shows a Crucible C that consists of MgO + spinel.

Kindly replace paragraph at page 2, lines 18-20 with the following paragraph:

The invention comprises, in its most general embodiment, a product ~~with the features of~~ ~~Claim 1 and a mixture according to Claim 4.~~